

# GRAUSTARK

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1968G

"Fall 1904"

## RUSSIANS ENTER MUNICH

ENGLAND (Walker): F Mid-Por; F Liv-North Atlantic; F North Sea-Norwegian Sea; F Eng-North Sea; F Wal-Liv; A Bel-Bur.

FRANCE (Peery): No moves received. F Iri, A Bre, & A Gas hold.

GERMANY (Koning): A Spa-Mar; A Mun-Sil; A Ber holds; A Kie-Den; F Bal-Pru.

ITALY (Childers): F Tyr-Nap; A Rom S F Tyr-Nap; A Ven S A Rom; F Adr-Alb.

RUSSIA (Prosnitz): F Den-Kie; F Bot-Bal; F Rum-Sev; A Bud S TURKISH A Ser-Tri; A Sil-Ber; A Pru S A Sil-Ber; A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun.

TURKEY (Lebling): F Tri-Ven; A Ser-Tri; A Apu-Rom; A Nap S A Apu-Rom; F Ion-Tun; F Eas-Ion; F Aeg S F Eas-Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Mun-Ruh. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nor, Por. (6)

FRANCE: Bre, Par, Spa. (3)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mar. (4)

ITALY: Rom, Ven. (2)

RUSSIA: Bud, Den, Mos, Mun, Rum, St.P, Sev, Swe, Vie, War. (10)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Ser, Smy, Tri, Tun. (9)

Russia and Turkey may each build two new units. Germany and Italy must each remove two units. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 JULY 1968.

Since Larry Peery missed "Fall 1904" moves for France, the first stand-by, Derek Nelson, is asked to submit "Spring 1905" moves for France. The deadline date for these moves will be published in GRAUSTARK #164. Nelson's address is 18 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario.

Press releases begin on p. 8. For information about the new second stand-by, see p. 10.

1968J

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## ENGLAND DECLARES WAR ON GERMANY

ENGLAND (H. Anderson): A St.P-Mos; F Eng-Bel; F Iri-Eng; F North Sea-Den; F Swe S F North Sea-Den; F Bre S ITALIAN A Spa-Gas.

FRANCE (Maloney): A Gas-Bre; A Par S A Gas-Bre.

GERMANY (Naus): A Bur S FRENCH A Gas-Mar; F Pic S ENGLISH F Bre; A Ber-Pru; A Sil S A Ber-Pru; A Kie-Mun; A Den holds.

ITALY (M. Thomson): A Spa-Gas; A Mar & F Mid S A Spa-Gas; A Tyr-Boh; A Ven-Tyr; F Ion not ordered, holds.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Latimer): No moves received. A War, A Ukr, A Bud, A Rum, A Bul, A Gre, & F Aeg hold.

RUSSIA (Grayson): A Pru-War; F Sev S TURKISH F Bla-Rum.

TURKEY (White): No moves received. A Con, A Smy, & F Bla hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. The French army in Gascony is dislodged and annihilated. Germany retreats A Den-Kie and Russia retreats A Pru-Liv. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel, Bre, Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Mos, Nor, St.P. (9)

FRANCE: Par. (1)

GERMANY: Ber, Hol, Kie, Mun. (4)

ITALY: Mar, Nap, Por, Rom, Spa, Tun, Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Bul, Gre, Rum, Ser, Tri, Vie, War. (8)

RUSSIA: Sev. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Con, Smy. (3)

England may build three new units, and Austria-Hungary and Italy may each build one. Russia must remove one unit, and Germany must remove two. The deadline for these "Winter 1904" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 JULY 1968.

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1967U

"Spring 1912"

## DEADLOCK CONTINUES

GERMANY (M. Miller): F Swe-Bot; A Ber & A St.P hold; A Kie & F Bal S A Ber; A Bur & A Ruh  
S TURKISH A Tyr-Mun.

ITALY (Clark): F Norway S GERMAN A St.P; A Fin & F Nap hold; A Pie-Tyr; A Rom-Ven; A Tus  
S A Rom-Ven; F Tyr S F Nap; F Lyo-Pie; F Tun-Ion.

RUSSIA (G. Heap): A Pru-Ber; A Mun S A Pru-Ber; A Mos S TURKISH A Liv; A Ser-Ukr.

TURKEY (Beshara): A Sil-Pru; A Livonia, A Ven, F Apu, & F Ion hold; A Boh S RUSSIAN A  
Mun; A Tyr S A Ven; A Tri S A Ven; F Adr S F Apu; F Abg & F Gre S F Ion.

Underlined moves are not possible. The deadline for "Fall 1912" moves is NOON,  
SATURDAY 20 JULY 1968.

Until 14 July, Frank Clark's address will be c/o Mrs. Ann Bonnallie, 493 Pearl Hill  
Road, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420.

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Since James Latimer submitted no "Fall 1904" moves for Austria-Hungary the first  
stand-by, Kevin Roark, is asked to submit the "Winter 1904" build for that country. His  
address is 2897 S. E. Caruthers, Portland, Ore. 97214. A stand-by "Spring 1905" moves  
for Turkey should be submitted by the new second stand-by, Margaret Gemignani (see p.  
10). The deadline for "Spring 1905" moves will be announced in GRAUSTARK #164.

BONN: To Emperor III - need help?

## WHERE'S THAT?

In this issue's letter column are two answers, from Rod Walker and Dave Lebling,  
for the quiz printed in GRAUSTARK #160. That quiz asked readers to identify 10 no lon-  
ger existent nations, colonies, or geographical entities. Rod Walker has responded with  
another such list, which is here thrown open to other readers. Answers will be printed  
in GRAUSTARK #164 on 20 July 1968. (A few hints are given.)

Sandwip Island  
Fezoghlu  
Ramadan (1)  
Tarom  
Taron  
Gothia (2)

Latgale  
Sam'al (3)  
The Karvuna Kingdom of Dobruja  
Alasiya  
Hail  
Witu (4)

- (1) - Also called Emirate of the bani-Ramadan, or the Ramazanoghlu.
- (2) - The capital is/was Dori, also known as Theodoro, Doras, Doros, Mankup, or Mangup.
- (3) - Also known as Ya'udi, or Bit Gabbari.
- (4) - Or Vitu.

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

John Mansfield reports that the next issue of The Canadian Wargamer will deal with  
the War of 1812. Before you do up a game based on the battle of Bladensburg, or Lundy's  
Lane, Hohn, remember that though you may have burned Washington we burned Toronto twice.

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John also writes that he picked up "Pierre" Strauss' Convention game at the 1967  
World Science-Fiction Convention - literally, from the floor of a hall in the Statler-  
Hilton.

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During August we can be reached c/o Arthur C. Boardman, 5481 Begonia Drive, San  
Jose, Calif. 95124.

1967V

"Spring 1910"

## TURKS REGAIN CONTROL IN TYRRHENIAN SEA

ENGLAND (Tobling): F St.P(n.c.) & A Lon hold; A Norway-Fin; F Swe-Bal; F Bot S F Swe-Bal; A Den S FRENCH A Kie; F North Sea-Eng.

FRANCE (Prosnitz): A Kie holds; A Ruh S A Kie; A Bur-Mun; A Mar-Pie; F Lyo S A Mar-Pie; F Tyr-Ion; F Tun S F Tyr-Ion; A Bel-Hol; F Ska-North Sea.

GERMANY (M. Thomson): F Bal-Den; A Ber-Kie.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (H. Anderson): A Tri-Ven; A Tyr S A Pie; A Boh & A Sil S A Mun; A Livonia holds; A Pie S TURKISH F Tus; A Mun S GERMAN A Ber-Kie; F Alb S TURKISH F Adr-Ion.

TURKEY (S. Heap): A Sev-Mos; F Adr-Ion; F Ion-Tyr; F Tus & F Nap S F Ion-Tyr; F Rom S F Tus; A Apu. & A Bul hold.

Underlined moves are not possible. France retreats F Tyr-Wes and Germany retreats F Bal-Pru. The deadline for "Fall 1910" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 20 JULY 1968.

LONDON (23 Feb. 1910): Sir Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, announced today for the government that the Third Fleet under Morrison has been ordered south to aid the Republican Navy in the Mediterranean. He noted that the front in Germany and Russia has been stabilized by British naval might, and that although "new offensives are planned for the Fall campaign in Germany," it is doubtful that the Third Fleet is necessary in the present North Sea Patrol. "After all, you can hardly dignify that collection of ferries rattling around Bornholm as a Navy, and to think of it bursting out of our blockade into the North Sea is grounds for committment."

"Besides, our Fleet can reach the battle area sooner than can the French Northern Fleet, as we pointed out to Dimmelroi only last week. The French are built to capacity, and so the alliance must work with what it's got, which is our Fleet in the North Sea."

SOUTHEAST-ON-SEA (3 Mar. 1910): Prime Minister Lloyd Williams, vacationing with his 'mentor', the former leader of his party and of Britain, emerged from a long talk with Townsend with the announcement that Townsend would be appointed Ambassador Plenipotentiary to the United States of America. "Mr. Townsend will speak with President Addison on matters concerning mutual interests of the Americas and of this Empire," was all that Williams volunteered.

Observers in London and Washington speculated that Townsend will present the U. S. with an offer of the remaining British possessions in the Caribbean in return for American neutrality in Europe.

It is a rather thinly disguised fact that Addison's government has been supplying arms to the Eastern Powers. Confidential sources in Washington have stated that Addison aims to weaken British and French influence in the Americas and the Pacific so as to leave the areas open for American economic and political penetration. With Williams' announcement coming on the heels of the American annexation of Cuba, there is little doubt in the minds of most political observers that the British West Indies are on the bargaining table.

Townsend, who is an old friend of President Addison, who was once American Ambassador to England, was long considered the perfect man to talk with the President, and his recent recovery from abdominal cancer which caused his retirement from the Ministry gave Williams the man he needed.

PANAMA CITY, CANAL ZONE (14 Mar. 1910): A Robert Kirkbrite Reuters Report: Panama City has the look of a sleepy village in pre-war Spain or Italy, and not by any means the look of the command center for American penetration of Central and South America.

It is here that the giant corporate Empires plotted the takeovers of Mexico and Honduras in 1905, and it was here that, according to some sources, the famous Salvador Incident was fabricated. Panama has been a Territory for more than a decade, ever since the start of the great Canal, and as a result has more of an American flavor than any of the other cities in Central America that I have visited. I would say that at least 40%

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## Chapter LVI

The Green Beret Orphans' Home was located in a luxurious neighborhood in northwestern Washington. It had been the mansion of the Caribbean sugar magnate G. H. Speckles until his bankruptcy and suicide in 1959.

"Holy War, O-O-Hate," said his teen-age assistant Burner as they walked up the shaded walk leading to the orphanage entrance, "what does this place have to do with the peacenik plot to de-escalate the war in Vietnam by causing the President to lose interest? And what could orphans possibly have to do with the load of pigs dumped into the White House basement?"

"I have a suspicion - nothing more," said O-O-Hate, dedicated defender of the American Way of War, who is really Clark Gansel, mild-mannered comic book collector of Bugle, Pennsylvania. "But this lead is worth following up - ah, here we are!"

The two agents entered the office, where the orphanage director was engaged in a conversation with a young Vietnamese woman wearing an odai. By one hand she held a solemn four-year-old boy.

"I'm afraid you don't understand, Mrs. Van," the director explained. "The Green Beret Orphans' Home is for the orphans left by members of the Green Berets, not for children orphaned by them. Now are you going to leave peaceably, or am I going to have to call the Pentagon?"

As the woman and child left, O-O-Hate and Burner presented the director with their credentials. Burner realized the importance of the call when he saw that O-O-Hate had presented their real credentials, signed by Mac, rather than any of over a dozen sets of fakes which they also carried.

"I'm happy to see such a high official as Mac taking an interest in our work," the director said.

"Does the President also concern himself with the orphanage?" O-O-Hate asked.

"Oh, indeed yes! He has given us a great deal of support."

"Financial support, in the budget?"

"Yes, and more than that," said the director. "Do you know that, every few days, the President sends us, direct from the White House, a refrigerated truckload of fresh pork?"

"Pork?"

"Yes, of course. We feed it to the youngsters. It's a rather monotonous diet, but it prepares them for the army food they'll be eating one day. As the song says -" the director began singing, and O-O-Hate and Burner joined him in the stirring strains:

"Put silver wings on my son's chest  
Make him one of America's best.  
He'll be the man they'll test one day  
Have him win the Green Beret!"

"Marvelous lyrics," O-O-Hate said. "Congressman Pool has introduced a bill to make it the national anthem."

"But what do we have to find out here about the International Pacifist Conspiracy?" Burner asked.

"We've already found it out!" O-O-Hate said. "Now - our next stop is the Lorenzo Artery Research Foundation!"

((But you'll have to wait till September to find out why, in GRAUSTARK #164.))

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## A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE GRAND DUCHY OF BEAUCOUILLO - XXVIII

The funeral of King Edward VII in 1910 is generally recognized as being the last demonstration of the splendor of the old order of things. The British King had been well loved in Beaucouillon, since it is estimated that during his lifetime he spent 34 million ducats there. The entire country went into deep mourning for him, and Grand Duke Cosimo XIII represented his people at the funeral.

A brief intimation of the coming upheaval in Europe was given the Grand Duke in London. Owing to the solemnity of the occasion he had brought with him only a small entourage - a valet, a taster, and 15 mistresses. However, the rising tide of militarism and radicalism, soon to break forth in war and revolution, made severe inroads upon his retinue. The taster was contacted and converted by an anarchist, and accidentally poisoned himself while attempting to addict himself to arsenic - for purposes which were only too obvious. The valet was shanghaied into the British navy during the ~~Mc~~crisis. Three of the mistresses were won away from his service owing to the blandishments of a Miss Lily Diamond, who informed them that most women were getting paid for such work. Five others hired out as free-lance spies for a German diplomat named von Bork and his accomplice, a disaffected Irish rebel named Altamont. One ran off with the Crown Prince of Serbia, and another with H. G. Wells. One passed herself off as the illegitimate daughter of the Pope, and on the strength of it married a devout Irish viscount. The others fell in with a cell of exiled Russian Bolsheviks, were sent to Russia for undercover work, and were next heard of in Rasputin's entourage.

Discouraged at these developments, Cosimo XIII returned to Beaucouillon, abdicated his throne, and retired to a nunnery.

## THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

LAWRENCE PEERY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115 (until 13 July: AFROTC Training Camp, March AFB, Riverside, Calif.): I don't know what happened to my Fall 1903 moves but they were sent...My answering service has no record of your trying to call so I assume you did not. You are to be congratulated once again. If you maintain your present high standards of morality you may soon surpass Charles Reinsel.

((Some Gamesmasters phone players collect if their moves are late. I don't; nor did I ever promise to do so. The procedures followed for missed moves in GRAUSTAEK are described in #151.))

ED REED, 668 Westover Rd., Stamford, Conn. 06902: My brother shares your Brooklyn College and Humphrey sentiments, as do I and a goodly number of goodly people.

Where can we get rules for Diplomacy variants such as anarchy?

((You, and any other readers interested in variants of Diplomacy, should write:

David Lebling, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852

Donald L. Miller, 12315 Judson Road, Wheaton, Md. 20906

Rod Walker, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866.))

MEHRAN THOMSON, 3612 E. Huron River Dr., Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104: The best political game I have ever seen - much better than Convention, almost as good as Diplomacy - is called Consensus, and can be obtained from Scientific Games Development Corp., Box 427, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48107.

DAVID LEBLING, 3 Rollins Court, Rockville, Md. 20852: The Septinsular Republic: Formed out of the Ionian Islands during the War of the Second Coalition, on Oct. 22, 1799. Occupied by Russia until 1807.

The Kingdom of Arles: Southern France, around the time of the Crusades. (A successor to the Kingdom of Burgundy, which was often called Arelate.)

The Indian Stream Republic: The only Indian Stream I could find is in northern Vermont or New Hampshire. (Could this be something in the Indian Ocean around twenty years ago? Just a guess, of course.) ((Right the first time. See Rod Walker's letter.))

The Kingdom of Bantam: In northwest Java. British took it over in 1602.

The Kingdom of Thessalonika: Formed in Greece around 1200. Parts of Thrace, Macedonia, and Thessaly. Fought the Epirians from the moment of its birth, almost, and lost in 1228.

Caffraria: (Kaffraria, in all the references I could find.) In South Africa. Set

up by the British after the War of the Axe, it was a "native preserve". Annexed in 1878 after Kaffir War. ((And in part revived, under rigid Boer tutelage, as the Transkei a few years ago.))

The Far Eastern Republic: Buffer between Japan and Soviet Russia in early '20's. Capital was at Chita. Annexed by Soviet Russia after Japan evacuated Vladivostok in 1922.

The Parthenopean Republic: A French Client State during War of the Second Coalition. When France conquered the Kingdom of Naples they set it up (23 January 1799). Overthrown in June, when the King of Naples noticed it, apparently.

The North German Confederation: Formed in 1867 through treaties with Prussia and other German states north of the Main. It was a vehicle for Prussian designs for unification of Germany under Prussian rule.

The Kingdom of Damnonia: In Post-Roman Britain, mostly Cornwall, and also called "West Wales". Finally part of the dominions of Alfred the Great.

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866: Your suggestion that drugs be used on this man ((Sirhan)) I find contemptible and wholly illegal (not to mention unconstitutional). But, as a mutual acquaintance once remarked, anent a similar subject, "It seems to me that John would not really object to concentration camps, so long as the right people were in them."

((The idea that our leaders are chosen, not by the American people, but by any conspirator or plain nut with a gun, I find contemptible, wholly illegal, and unconstitutional.))

The greatest threat to a democracy is not that it has opponents, for it is always strong enough to resist them, but that its friends will begin to use the methods of its enemies, and kill it by drastic surgery.

((Is that what killed the Weimar Republic?))

I just noticed your "contest" ((in #160)) and could not resist such child's play.

Septinsular Republic: Actually, the Heptanesos. Capital, Corfu. A puppet state of the Russians, set up in Corfu and the Ionian Islands in 1800. Extinct, 1807, when the British and French began their 8 years' dispute of the area.

Kingdom of Arles: The Arelate, sometimes called Burgundy, was created in 879 by a union of Provence (or Cisjurane Burgundy) and Transjurane Burgundy. Capital, Arles. In 1031, the Kingdom became part of the German Kingdom, after the death of Robert III the Child. The Kings of Germany were crowned separately as Kings of Arles from 1031 to 1125. The Arelate was extinct as a separate political unit of the Empire in 1246.

((Well, not quite. I believe that the Counts of Provence claimed to be Kings of Arles for some time thereafter, though this may have been as hollow as the English claim to the French throne. Burgundy seems to have been the only migrating nation. It began when the Burgundians settled along the Rhone in 413, and extended down to the Provençal coast. But at the death of the last independent Duke in 1477 it consisted of the Low Countries and part of eastern France, north of its original location.))

Indian Stream Republic: Not a country at all, actually, but an accident of survey. Came about because the U. S. - Canada boundary agreement of 1832 specified one boundary point as the "northwesternmost head of the Connecticut River". Neither the U. S. nor Canada exercised effective jurisdiction in the area until 1835, when New Hampshire annexed it. It was awarded to the U. S. by the Agreement of 1832.

Bantam: In Java, 1530-1832. Founded by Mulana Hassan-ad-din Susuhunan Sabakinking ibn-Mur-ad-din Ibrahim, Sultan of Tjirebon, who conquered the Hindu Kingdom of Pajajaran. Dutch suzerainty was accepted in 1682, amplified in 1809. The last Sultan, Muhammad XIV Taaf-ad-din (or Pangeran Ratu) was deposed in 1832. Want a complete list of the Sultans? ((If their names are all as long as that of the first Sultan, the list would stretch from here to Siunik.))

Kingdom of Thessalonica: Founded by Boniface of Montferrat at Thessalonika in 1204, and vassal to Constantinople. ((Boniface had expected the imperial crown after the Fourth Crusade took Constantinople; Thessalonica was a consolation prize.)) Boniface's son Demetrios was deposed in 1222 by Theodore Angelos-Komnenos, Despot of Epirus, who thereupon took the title of Emperor of Thessalonika. The Emperor John took the title of Despot in 1242; the last Despot was Demetrios II (d. 1246).

Kaffraria: Not a country at all, but a region inhabited by the Kaffirs, or Caffre of East Africa. In its largest sense, it included all of modern Kenya, Tanzania, Mozam-



bique, Malawi, Rhodesia, and eastern South Africa. In its most restricted sense, the region south of Natal, called Transkei. The Kaffirs fought the British bitterly, but Kaffaria never amounted to a "country" in the same sense that the others (except the Indian Stream Republic) did.

Far Eastern Republic: ...This was founded at Chita by the Bolsheviks and some of their friends in 1919, after the fall of Kolchak, for the purpose of throwing the Japanese out of Siberia. When this was done, in 1922, the F. E. R. "voluntarily" dissolved itself and joined the R. S. F. S. R. A very clever bit of stagecraft by Lenin.

Parthenopean Republic: Naples, under the first flush of French Revolutionary rule (1799-1801).

North German Confederation: Bismarck's prelude to the German Empire (1866-1870).

Damnonia: John, you're putting us all on. There was no such place, really. The Dumnonii, or Damnonians, were Roman foederati living in Cornwall (or West Wales), from which the country is sometimes called Damnonia. But the Dumnonii moved north after the time of Constantine, and founded the Kingdom of Strathclyde at Alcluyd (Dumbarton). The date of founding is unknown, perhaps c. 560, although a Strathclyde King, Coroticus, appears in the Dalriadan Chronicles, dated c. 459. Strathclyde was only very occasionally called Damnonia, but that was not its name. ((I had in mind present-day Cornwall and Devon; Exeter was called anciently "Isca Dumnoniorum". It is one of several transitory kingdoms which were set up between the departure of the Romans and the arrival of the Saxons.))

I am sorely tempted to give you a list.

((The list will be found elsewhere in this issue. I've sent my answers back to Rod, and thrown the whole thing open to the other readers. Answers will be published in GRAUSTARK #164 in September.))

#### DIRECTORY OF UNFAMILIAR QUOTATIONS - V

This time, GRAUSTARK gives equal time to the opponents of gun control legislation, following the editorial in #161 in favor of severe controls.

"Perhaps the biggest deterrents to a final-hour Red takeover of the U. S. are:

"(1) The fact that many Americans - especially Southerners and Westerners - have weapons in their homes and know how to use them.

"(2) Residents of most communist nations have little background in the use of firearms and are psychologically unprepared to use them.

"To overcome these problems, Leftists have launched a two-prong drive gradually to disarm U. S. households while teaching Communists intense hatred of white Christians and how to use rifles." - The Councilor, 15 December 1965.

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"Many believe that the main reason LBJ has not finished 'building his bridges' to Russia and set up a Pro-communist Socialist type of dictatorship, is that he realizes most Whites are armed and would rather be dead than red. This is our country and we are willing to lay down our lives to stop the Black Revolution from destroying our homes and families.

"LBJ and the Kennedy brothers want us Whites disarmed so as to render us helpless against the Armed Black Revolution. It is admitted that criminals and negroes will not register their arms and can obtain them from the underworld. The Kennedys state that they want to prevent an armed clash between the races. If they have their way we will be slaughtered by the heavily armed negroes. We urge one and all to work against all Anti-gun laws and the race-mixing politicians who promote such un-Constitutional measures." - Thunderbolt, Sept. 1967.

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"Lenin said that Communists should not invade any country until the middle class is disarmed. The Reds have been working toward this goal since 1943. Every time they want a bill to go through Congress, someone in political life is assassinated. It's very strange. Gun registration leads to confiscation; the criminal is assured his victim will not retaliate, and the result is more crime. The answer is to register Communists, not firearms." - N. E. Ogden, letter, New York Daily News, 29 June 1968.

## 1968G - PRESS RELEASES

TEHRAN (8 April 1904): The surrender of the government of the Persian Empire, in the person of Mohammed Ali Shah, was completed today. The campaign, announced on the heels of the French defeat in 1902 in Mesopotamia, was not actively pursued until early 1903, when Turkish forces under General Kiamil entered Persia, taking Kermanshah, and in June, Hamadan. The Persian forces, and what remained of the Poorists under General Dimmelroi, also known as Lawrence of Franciana, fell back in disarray, hoping to hold the Ottomans at Qom. However, Kiamil's forces made short work of them, eliminating the last effective resistance in western Persia. Tehran was taken before the end of the year, and the situation was such that the Revolutionary Council made Persia officially a part of the Empire in late January. It was until the capture of Esfahan in March that the Shah called for a truce, however, and officially ordered an armistice.

The forces in Persia will, for the most part, be used for garrison duty, although some, under Baskale, will continue into the southeastern part of the country to subdue the Peerist guerrillas in Fars and Sarhad.

The deciding factor in the swift Turkish victory, according to neutral observers in the capital, was the lack of Russian or British aid to Persia. These two powers, one of them allied with Turkey, one a trading partner and semi-ally, were persuaded not to aid Persia, and as a result only the fanatic Peerist groups had any foreign aid at all, and it was for the most part ineffectual. Thus, two-thirds of the battle had already been won when Kiamil's forces entered Persia a year ago.

It is expected that the areas along the Persian Gulf and the Black Sea will be ceded to the Empire, and the rest of Persia made into a Turkish-controlled protectorate. It is also probable that token amounts of territory in the Northeast and Southeast will be ceded to Britain and to Russia.

It is also assumed that Mohammed Ali Shah will be allowed to rule in the Protectorate, although his power will rest mostly in the hands of the Turkish occupying garrison.

KOARSAR, POLLUTIDAR: At a sitting of the Representative Diet of Pollutidar, the Horib delegate SsS-SSsS denounced an alleged English "insult to the Empire". According to the Horib, England had, almost 200 sleeps ago, appointed an ambassador to Pollutidar. "Yet this Ambassador, whose name appears in the English press as 'Carbuncle', has not yet arrived in Pollutidar and presented his credentials to His Inferial Majesty."

A reply to this charge came from the government bench, and was delivered by skrtch the Lousy One, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement. skrtch replied that Carbuncle's travels had taken him as far as the Mahar city of Phutra, but that his track had disappeared at that point.

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: Pnul the All-Yet One, Minister of Eternal Insecurity, reported that the English Ambassador had vanished into the settlement of so-called "Happies" near the Royal Bakeries, the region called "Yeast Village". "These subversive un-Pollutidarians, not content with violating our ancestral traditions by living in peace with one another," he said in a speech before the Ancient Free and Accepted Cavemen, "are now beginning to interfere with our foreign relations. They have kidnapped the Ambassador, presumably as part of some scheme to make universal peace all over the Inner and Outer Crusts."

PHUTRA, POLLUTIDAR: According to a Coripi "Happy", Ambassador Carbuncle did indeed visit the Happy district in Yeast Village. "It was kicks, man," said the Coripi, answering the queries of an investigator from the Ministry of Eternal Insecurity.

"What happened to him?"

"Six of us smoked him."

"Smoked him?"

"It was the wildest high," the Happy said. "Beats pot any time. Of course, it only works for Coripis. A Gorbus dropped in during the party, took two whiffs, and his tusks fell out."

The Minister of Foreign Affairs and Food Procurement is now preparing a statement

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for transmission to the English government.

PEERI-PEERI, POLIUTIDAR: Lo-Rench, go-sha of the Xexot city of Peeri-peeri, announced that the bones of the Loanda Lurleen have been discovered beneath the Temple of the god Pyu.

"We have three excellent proofs that these relics are indeed the authentic bones of Lurleen Herself," the go-sha told a crowd which packed the Temple. "First, they are absolutely and totally white, her own sacred color. Second, last night in a dream her glorious spirit appeared to me, enshrined on a bale of cotton, guarded by police dogs, and lit by the effulgence of burning crosses, and assured me that the relics were hers. Third, and most conclusive proof, anyone denying this will be hanged forthwith from the city gate!"

The multitude acclaimed loudly the discovery of these relics, which even more firmly implants the worship of Lurleen in the heart of every Peeri-peerial. The go-sha has even written an addition to the Litany of Pyu in her honor, which begins: "St. Lurleen, pray for us now and at the hour of everyone's death."

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of the population is American, and my press contact here, a Panamanian named Modesto, says that there is very little bad blood between the people from the North and the natives. "You see, sir," he told me, "we have always been a poor country. The Yankees came and they built their canal, and because the mosquito bothered them, they destroyed it, and because we could speak English to them, they built schools for us, and because they could not get the kind of food and other things to buy that they were used to in the Norte, they set up new shops, and brought in many new businesses."

"When we were part of Colombia, we were ruled haphazardly, sometimes not at all, and sometimes too much, if you understand? But the Yankess have let us rule ourselves, although perhaps not as much as they supposedly do in the Norte. We have a Governor-General, and Presidente Addison appoints him, but aside from him, we make our own government. Vergara really runs this country, because the man Addison sends us, he is usually just a political man, not even very friendly to the Presidente, you see? He is happy to let us alone if we will do the same for him. And the Yankee soldiers don't interfere with us, like our own used to. Vergara cut their pay last month! In the old days he would be dead by now. But today, they just grumble and mutter over their coffee."

"Things are not perfect, of course, but they are much more perfect than they were before. I have been to the Norte, and in the US they have many good things that we should have here, but if I listed them there would be fewer than there were if you had come a year ago, if you understand?"

As an Englishman, especially one fighting the twin tyrannies of Austria and Turkey, I hate to say anything good about imperialism. Especially imperialism of a nation which is supplying arms to our enemies. However, as I stand here looking from my balcony over this city, and listen to, and see, some of the good that has been accomplished by these "Imperialists", I can't help but wonder what this country would be like if the Americans had not come. I have always been something of a pragmatist. If freedom, defined by the old rulers of Panama and Cuba, and Mexico, and the other little states that have disappeared into the Yankee colossus, means freedom to squeeze the peasants, to fight among each other like wolves, to usurp what little democracy and dignity was grudgingly given the "people" in a tissue-thin constitution, then I would prefer this so-called "slavery" to the Yankees. There have been four military coups in "Free" South America in the last year, three of them against democratically elected regimes, and in the north the first Senators from the Mexican states have entered the Senate chambers.

We all know that they do for profit, and glory. Hearst was probably the cause of the Second Mexican War, and the United Fruit Company did its part in the penetrations that have followed. Teddy Roosevelt wanted only to quiet down the noisy neighbors so that he could "shut up the other neighbors about to kill each other" - meaning us. Addison does not have his imagination, or his verve, or, as Clark put it, "his walrus mustache".

## THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

THIS NOTIFICATION SUPERSEDES INFORMATION ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE OF GRAUSTARK!!! Our travel plans have been changed slightly, and as a result we will not be leaving for over two weeks. This means that I will be able to publish GRAUSTARK #164 on Saturday 20 July 1968. All deadlines for GRAUSTARK games are set at noon of that date.

Between then and the end of August, John McCallum will publish two issues of Brobdingnag reporting moves in the GRAUSTARK games. The deadlines for these issues are tentatively set for 10 and 31 August, subject to change by the publisher. Since he lives in Alberta, players are recommended to use air mail in writing him. His address is "A" Quarters, S. E. S., Ralston, Alberta, Canada.

McCallum will follow GRAUSTARK rules in making adjudications. Deadlines will be noon by his time, Mountain Standard. (This is equivalent to Pacific Daylight, and three hours behind Eastern Daylight.) His telephone number is Ralston 201, local 279 or local 263 during business hours, and Ralston 201, local 240 at other times. Long distance contact should be made through the operator in Medicine Hat, Alberta, area code 403.

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John Mansfield, publisher of Canadian Wargamer, has a new address: Int. Sec. 3 CIBC, CFB Gagetown, Oromocto, New Brunswick.

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Rod Walker corrects Conrad von Metzke's letter in the last issue, to say that the location of the May Company branch where Diplomacy sets are sold in San Diego is not "Missouri Valley Centre" but "Mission Valley Centre".

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There is a new second stand-by in postal Diplomacy games 1968G and 1968J: Margaret Gemignani, 67 Windemere Road, Rochester, N. Y. 14603. If further stand-bys become necessary during the summer, John McCallum will recruit them.

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